

21 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Attendees of DCI/NFAC Meeting
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Rhodesia []

1. The attached is a background paper for tomorrow's DCI/NFAC meeting which will be held at 1300-1400, Thursday, 22 March, in the D/NFAC Conference Room 7E32 (vice the DCI Conference Room). []

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2. Because space is limited in the D/NFAC Conference Room we probably cannot find room for more than one representative of each organization. To ensure that we don't overload the conference room please ensure that [] knows who will attend. []

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File "Rhodesia" to DCI
MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

The attached paper on Rhodesia will be the discussion topic at the DCI/NIO meeting tomorrow. *1300*
Rhodesia is one of the topics the DDCI plans to use in the Presidential Briefing of 28 March.

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20 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Preparations for Wednesday, 21 March, Presidential
Briefing ☐

1. You already have:

✓ The basic Sary Shagan briefing ☐

✓ A draft of the International Oil briefing
-ORPA's West Bank/Gaza briefing paper ☐

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2. Attached is:

✓ A package of backup material on Sary Shagan for
possible reference use
-A West Bank/Gaza package including talking points
and some backup material. ☐

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✓ 3. A revised International Oil briefing including a contingency
briefing in the event the President wants to pursue the matter will be
sent out later. ☐

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*Tell this
looks fine, but I will
need some background material
to work on over weekend.*



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing on Rhodesia



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1. Attached for your review is a draft briefing. I will check in with your office when I return from downtown after the briefing tomorrow to get your reaction. ☐

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2. I recommend that we devote the Thursday DCI/NIO meeting to this subject. I'm sure the DCI would find such a discussion worthwhile. ☐

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16 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator
SUBJECT : Preparations for the 21 March Presidential Briefing [redacted]

1. The basic briefings for three topics have been put in the attached notebook to help you get the sense of how they would flow. The backup material for each topic is in a separate folder. These topics are:

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[redacted] *OK - #1*
-Sary Shagan (I see this as a lead-in to the *OK #2*

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[redacted] *Prof*

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2. Also included are packages on the following topics.

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[redacted] This includes the briefing paper and graphics under preparation for Mr. Bowie. Note it's designed to ask the President what he wants and then give one or the other briefing, but not both. However, in either case it still needs drastic pruning. *OK delay*

-The West Bank. The package containing some basic material from [redacted] which could produce a timely and interesting briefing ~~was inadvertently forwarded to you separately via Jay Rince. IS ATTACHED.~~ *OK Good*

-International Oil. This is discussed below. [redacted]

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3. Finally the package on Soviet Command and Control and the memorandum on Soviet Forgeries which you may want to give to Dr. Brezinski are included for your review. *didn't get to!*

4. The main question is, "Which of these to use?" Two of them deserve a specific layout of pros and cons.

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A. [redacted] Mr. Bowie will give a fine briefing. However, against this must be weighed these factors.

-He will have just returned and will have to spend most of Tuesday preparing himself to his high standards.

-The topic is not urgent, e.g. 4 April (just before [redacted] arrives) would be just as good. [redacted]

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B. International Oil

-Maurice Ernst, as his cover memorandum details, feels that oil will be very much at the front of the President's mind and that nowhere else will he get the kind of picture of the mid-term that is in this briefing and that he needs.

-You and the DDCI think that the President does understand the problem in which case you will either find yourself telling him what he already knows or, worse, discussing things he knows better than you do.

OK

-I recommend, if you can afford the preparation time, that you take the approach described in my sketch of telling the President our conclusions in three sentences and then tell him if those conclusions aren't news to him you won't waste his time, if they are news you'll go through the briefing. ☐

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yes

5. A final unrelated question arises from the Vice President's plan to visit Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Netherlands 13-22 April. Do you want to try to brief him yourself before he leaves? I know of nothing urgent for you to present. However, you could be helpful. ☐

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Attachments

cc: DDCI
DD/NFA